Information for the NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST:

TESTING REQUIREMENTS – ADHD/ADD

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The following evaluation is the minimum recommended evaluation for the presence of aeromedically significant ADHD/ADD by a neuropsychologist. Results of each of these sections must be included in the final report. If the neuropsychologist believes there are any concerns* with the evaluation results, a Supplemental Battery must also be conducted.

If the airman stopped taking ADHD/ADD medication(s), they must be off the medication(s) for 90 days before testing and evaluation.

INITIAL BATTERY:

- 1. Comprehensive background review.
- 2. Possible interview of collateral sources of information such as parent, school counselor/teacher, employer, flight instructor, etc.
- **3.** Administration of the tests as described in the FAA Neuropsychology Testing
 Specifications
 site
 To promote test security, itemized lists of tests comprising psychological/neuropsychological test batteries have been moved to this secure site. Authorized professionals should use the secure portal. For access, email a request to 9-amc-aam-NPTesting@faa.gov.
- 4. Urine drug screening test for ADHD medications, including psychostimulant medications. It should include testing for amphetamine and methylphenidate. The sample must be collected at the conclusion of the neurocognitive testing or within 24 hours after testing.

If the results of the testing indicate:

NO CONCERNS: If the neuropsychologist interprets the clinical interview and/or screening battery results as exhibiting functioning that is completely within normal limits and lacking any suspicion of aeromedically significant neurocognitive deficit, then the initial evaluation can be considered complete and a report generated. See Report Requirements for items that must be covered as well as additional items that must be submitted.

ANY CONCERNS: If after interpreting the INITIAL BATTERY evaluation results, the neuropsychologist has **any** concerns regarding impairment, deficiencies, or comorbid disorders that could pose a threat to aviation safety, the neuropsychologist must perform a full battery of testing as described in the SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY section below. The purpose of this additional testing is to explore and

clarify the findings or rule out ADHD/ADD as well as any neurocognitive deficits previously misidentified as ADHD/ADD and/or any comorbid disorders.

SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY:

- Complete the INITIAL BATTERY testing;
- At minimum, complete and add the Supplemental Testing as described in the <u>FAA Neuropsychology Testing Specifications</u> site. To promote test security, itemized lists of tests comprising psychological/neuropsychological test batteries have been moved to this secure site. Authorized professionals should use the secure portal. For access, email a request to <u>9-amc-aam-NPTesting@faa.gov</u>.
- See Report Requirements below for items that must be covered in the neuropsychologist report as well as additional items that must be submitted.